

Footnote: So, in the video, I say that we can't know if God suffers or not for sure, and that seems true. Were I religious, I wouldn't feel like I had absolute knowledge of the nature of God, and that's certainly the prevailing belief of most religious people, particularly Jews. That said, writing this video, I imagined I'd get two responses that I do want to talk about here. First, "You say that God doesn't seem like he suffers, but perhaps he suffers when people suffer, feels the pain people do." Second, "I'm a Christian and I certainly believe that God suffers. He took the form of Christ and suffered and died for our sins."

The reason I put both these potential comments together is that my response to them is the same. In these situations, God NEEDS humans in order to suffer. Either because the pain of human existence brings God pain, or because God took a human form in order to suffer. Thus, suffering is still known uniquely to humans, an experience God may not innately have. In fact, I would say this response only strengthens the argument of this video. Perhaps people are uniquely able to experience morality because they suffer, and God requires the assumption of human suffering in order to have that sense. Interesting stuff.